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### Topeka Police join Ring in new crime fighting tool

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Topeka Police Department today announced that it is joining the free Neighbors app by Ring to provide the Topeka community with real-time, local crime and safety information. The Neighbors network already has millions of users and has been instrumental in catching package thieves, stopping burglaries and keeping neighborhoods safe.

This app allows people to communicate with one another in their own neighborhoods in real time to share text information, clear pictures and videos with one another and the Topeka Police Department.

Residents can text 'topekaks' to 555888 from their smartphone to download the Neighbors app for free on iOS and Android and use the app to; join their neighborhood, share crime and safety-related videos, photos and text-based posts; and receive real-time safety alerts from their neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team.

"We are extremely excited to be partnering with Ring on this new endeavor," said Topeka Police Chief Bill Cochran. "Not only will this app be used to communicate in a new way with our community, but we feel this tool will help us greatly when partnering with citizens to fight crime."

Jamie Siminoff, Chief Inventor and Founder of Ring said, "We're excited to have the Topeka Police Department join Neighbors to keep their community up-to-date on local crime and safety information. Over the past few years we have learned that when neighbors, the Ring team and law enforcement all work together, we can create safer communities. Neighbors is meant to facilitate real-time communication between these groups, while maintaining neighbor privacy first and foremost. By bringing security to every neighbor with the free Neighbors app, the Topeka community can stay on top of crime and safety alerts as they happen."

## How It Works

- Text 'topekaks' to 555888 or click here: <https://download.ring.com/topeka> from your smartphone to download the app for free on iOS and Android.
- Opt-in to join your neighborhood.
- Customize the geographic area you want to receive notifications for (users must verify where they are located and cannot participate in other neighborhoods).
- Receive real-time alerts from your neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team that inform of crime and safety alerts as they happen.
- View local crime and safety posts via a live feed or interactive map.
- Share text updates, photos and videos taken on any device, including Ring's home security devices.
- Work with your community to make neighborhoods safer.